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of the Country.

I learned that threats were made upon the lives of Capt. S and his little squad of which I made report to the Gen. Comdg. requesting that his full Company be ordered to respond to Capt. S. I was much gratified to find my suggestion was favorably entertained. I am sure the irregularities carried on these principally towards the freedmen will be corrected. Capt. S. is a live and determined officer.

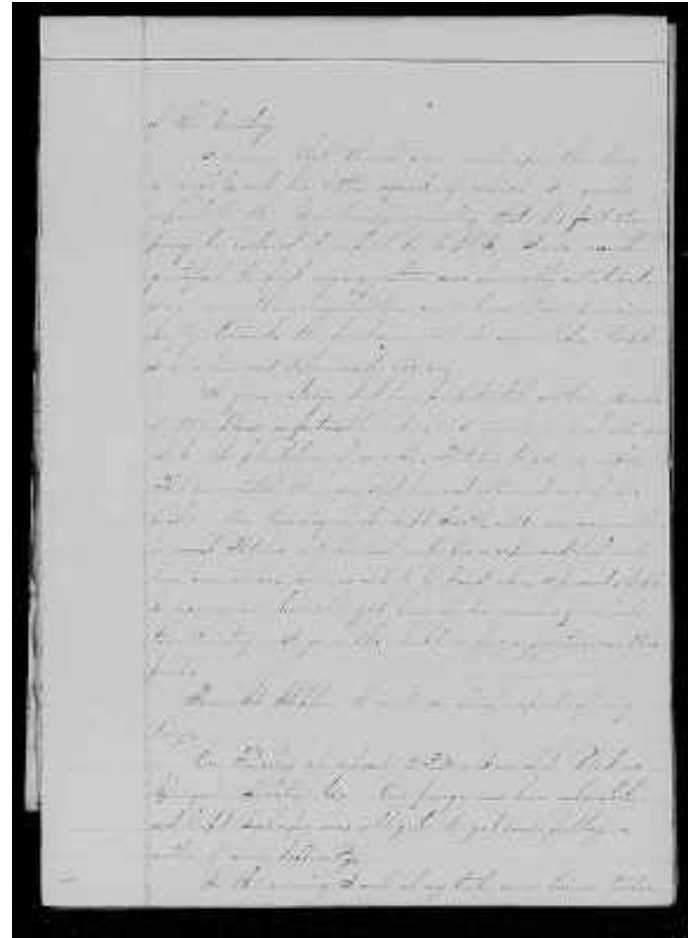
A gross outrage had been perpetrated within 15 miles of this place a fortnight before. A freedman had returned to the plantation of a Mr. Fletcher to get his wife. Fletcher resisted the negro, shot him and afterwards cut off his head. On hearing of it Capt. Smith with one man went to arrest Fletcher, but he had made his escape and had not been seen since, he was not to be found when I passed. Capt. S. assures me he will get him if he comes again into the Country. I gave the Capt. a few suggestions on this point.

From St. Stephens I send a brief report of my doings.

On Tuesday at about 3 P.M. I reached Bladon Springs in Choctaw Co. Our forage was here exhausted and Capt. Schafer was obliged to get some fodder, a matter of some difficulty.

In the evening I met at my tent some ten or twelve

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